(The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.)

Question put:—"*That a sum of Rs. 44,800 for 'Sanitation and Conservancy' be granted by the House.*

Question put and agreed to.

Demand No. XXV—Stationery and Printing—Rs. 95,000.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 95,000 under "Stationery and Printing." This is in excess of the budget estimate by Rs. 10,000, which has been explained by the Finance Member. I request the House will grant the allotment asked for.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 59,250 for 'purchase of Stationery articles' by Re. 1.*

President.—Motion No. 1, Mr. I. E. Ambooken.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—My object in tabling this motion is only to bring to the consideration of the Government the difficulty on account of bad paper used for certain forms and all such publications from the Press, for instance, the nomination paper that was used for election. I found it very difficult to use that paper in a proper way. Such kind of paper may be avoided for printing important forms and all that. Even in permanent forms, this is done.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Generally all important forms are printed in good and durable paper. In the selection of paper for printing, care is taken as much as possible to use good paper having regard to the period for which they are to be kept.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is the nomination paper important or unimportant?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It may so happen that it will be inferior on account of want of stock. It is more economy in expenditure. It should last only for a short time.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In this connection, I beg to bring to the attention of the House that in Chittur, the language being Tamil, they request that Tamil may be used along with Malayalam, for the nomination paper.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Noted.

(The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.)

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. S. Hariharа Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 95,000 under 'Demand No. XXV' by Re. 1.*

(The Member being absent, the motion was considered withdrawn.)

Motion No. 3.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 95,000 under 'Demand No. XXV' by Re. 1.*

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President.—Motion No. 3, Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I have tabled this motion to bring to the attention of the Government the delay in publishing the Cochin Law Reports. Sir, this year, we have not got any copy yet. Generally they are printed 4 times in a year. We are now towards the end of the year. Even then we have not got even the first part. I understand that the delay is in the Press. If there is such a heavy work in the Press, something must be done, some additions must be made to the Press or arrangements made to get it printed by some private agency. Otherwise it will cause a great deal of inconvenience to the public. I want to bring to the notice of the Government another fact, though a minor one, namely, the rules for the realisation of subscriptions for these Law Reports. According to the present rule published in the Gazette we are to pay subscriptions before the 30th of Dhanu and in that case we need pay only Rs. 4—4—0 for the whole year. If anybody fails to pay before that, he will have to pay Re. 1 per volume. That will come to Rs. 5 a year. I have no objection for retaining that rule, provided the Government publishes at least one part before that time. I suggest that the rules may be so modified that instead of 30th Dhanu it may be made after the publication of the 1st part and before that of the 2nd. I think, if it is so changed, Government is not going to lose much. It is to bring these facts to the notice of the Government that I tabled this motion. I may be permitted to point out yet another grievance. I understand that many of the back volumes of the Cochin Law Reports are out of print. The junior vakils, particularly, find it difficult to get on without them. I would suggest here also that if the hands of the Government Press are too full, the right of printing a certain fixed number of copies may be given to private enterprises and that those books also may be made available.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Does he expect a reply?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Yes, Sir, I do.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The delay in the particular year is due to the fact that we had the idea of changing the quality of paper. So some correspondence was necessary. That is the chief reason for the delay. There is another reason that we had to print a lot of electoral rolls for this election. That also contributed to a portion of the delay. In regard to volumes out of stock, printing has been begun and if we find that we are unable to cope with the work, the question of giving the same to private persons will be considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—With the permission of the House, I withdraw.

(*The motion was, withdrawn, with leave.*)

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Motion No. 4.

Mr. A.B. Salem.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 95,000 under 'Demand No. XXV' by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have tabled this for the purpose of inviting the attention of the Government to the fact that the reports of the Legislative Council Proceedings come very late. These reports, we are anxious, should be in the hands of the Members and the public as soon as possible after the sittings are over. Otherwise, the life issues become things of the past and then it passes into the region of history, and the political interest of it is lost. We want political life to be spread in our country and the country awakened to the things that are going inside the House. So it is essential that the Proceedings of this Council should be made available to the public at large at least within one month after the sittings are over. It is only to impress upon our Secretary and upon our Printing Department to expedite this work and for that purpose, if necessary, (as you are always taking job works in the Printing Department, and there are persons who are temporarily engaged) some more compositors may be temporarily engaged and may be paid a little money and disbanded afterwards. Or give it to the Pearl Press or some other Press, "Sahodaran" etc.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Have you got no other Press in Ernakulam?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You can give it to any Press you like, but we want the thing to be done as quickly as possible. The next point is, to bring to the notice of the Government the lot of the job workers in the Printing Department. There are some people who are engaged temporarily in the Press, and they have been complaining that they don't get their pay in time because the amount of work they have done has to be calculated, and all that takes some time. Necessarily, it must take some time and they don't get their pay when the others get the money. These poor people are getting only Rs. 16 or Rs. 18. I submit some device may be thought of by which these people can also get the money that they have earned after 30 or 35 days.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—But the interval between once getting and the next will be the same.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't want to press.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I shall look into the matter.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The printed Proceedings of the Legislative Councils of here and of elsewhere will show where exactly the delay lies. I may assure the House that there is absolutely no delay in my office, not only in this matter, but also in other matters. If the Members will only return their speeches revised even after the third reminder, it will be some

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contributory help for me for the printing to be expedited. As for the Press people, I may say at once that they are doing their best to cope with the work so far as the Council Proceedings are concerned, because they know I am a very bad task-master.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Quite so.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I am not at one with the Jewish Member when he says that the interest will be lost if the publication of the Proceedings is delayed. I am sure that generations yet unborn will read the eloquent speeches with increasing interest.

(*The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

Question put:—"*That a sum of Rs. 95,000 under 'Demand No. 25-Stationery and Printing' be granted*".

Question put and agreed to.

Demand No. XXXI.—Uplift of Depressed Classes—Rs. 55,500.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 55,500 for the Uplift of the Depressed Classes, and in doing so, I shall briefly indicate the purposes for which this allotment is asked. If you will look into the budget statement, you will find under (a) General (economic and social), the amount asked for is 15 thousand and odd and that is explained there. The establishment consists of an Assistant Protector and there is a clerk in my office for that special Department of work on Rs. 40 and then a peon for the Assistant Protector and a typist-clerk on Rs. 15—20 for the Assistant Protector and travelling allowance for these officers. 'Water supply' is for sinking wells and tanks for the use of the depressed classes where they are not provided with such means of water supply. We have done that in several places in the course of this year. In 1104 we propose to have more wells and tanks provided. And then 'Miscellaneous'. A part of this allotment is for the development of co-operative societies. We are distributing home-safe boxes. I need not explain to the House what that means—small boxes with little slips on the top that could be locked up. Before we start a regular co-operative society we distribute these among the members of the depressed classes. That is to teach them the habit of thrift. They are living from hand-to-mouth because there is no incentive for them to save. With a day's earning they go directly to the toddy shop and spend a good portion there and the rest they use for their home expenses. They don't think of the morrow. We want to make them decent human beings. Their degraded condition is not merely due to low wages. If you enquire, you will find that our Pulayas and other depressed classes get fairly decent wages and they do not generally suffer from scarcity of work. The question of un-

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